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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If the hon. Member wants information about any particular place, he may please put a separate question."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Is it a fact that the Government have issued a circular to all district and other authorities to the effect that they can stop digging of wells which are included in the rural water-supply scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. The work is being done in all places in accordance with the programme drawn up for the purpose."

Accommodation to the M.R.A. Team in Legislators' Hostel.

* 430 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Legislators' Hostel was rented to the delegates to the Moral Rearmament Conference and to the delegates of the Indian Roads Congress, and if so, the rate of rent per day per room collected from those occupants and the total amount of money received by the Government?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Legislators' Hostels were occupied by the Members of the Moral Rearmament Team from 20th January 1953 to 6th February 1953 and the delegates to the 17th Session of Indian Roads Congress from 6th February to 15th February 1953. Rent of Rs. 3 per head per day was collected from the members of the Moral Rearmament Team and from the delegates to the Indian Roads Congress. For delegates to the Road Congress who occupied rooms in the new Hostel a charge of Rs. 4 per day per head was made. The total amount collected was Rs. 10,100, Rs. 7,572 from the Moral Rearmament Team and Rs. 2,528 from the members of the Roads Congress."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Since the Government have charged less for the Americans and more for the delegates to the Indian Roads Congress, may I know whether it is their policy to give imperial preference to the Americans? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" We did not consider the fact that they were Americans. We considered the kind and utility of the work they were doing and we charged less."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether it was quite moral to collect rent from the delegates to the Moral Rearmament Conference? " (Laughter.)

Accommodation to the M.R.A. Team in the Legislators' Hostel.

* 431 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the rooms in the M.L.A. Hostel, Government Estate, Mount Road,